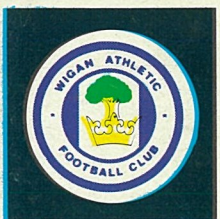
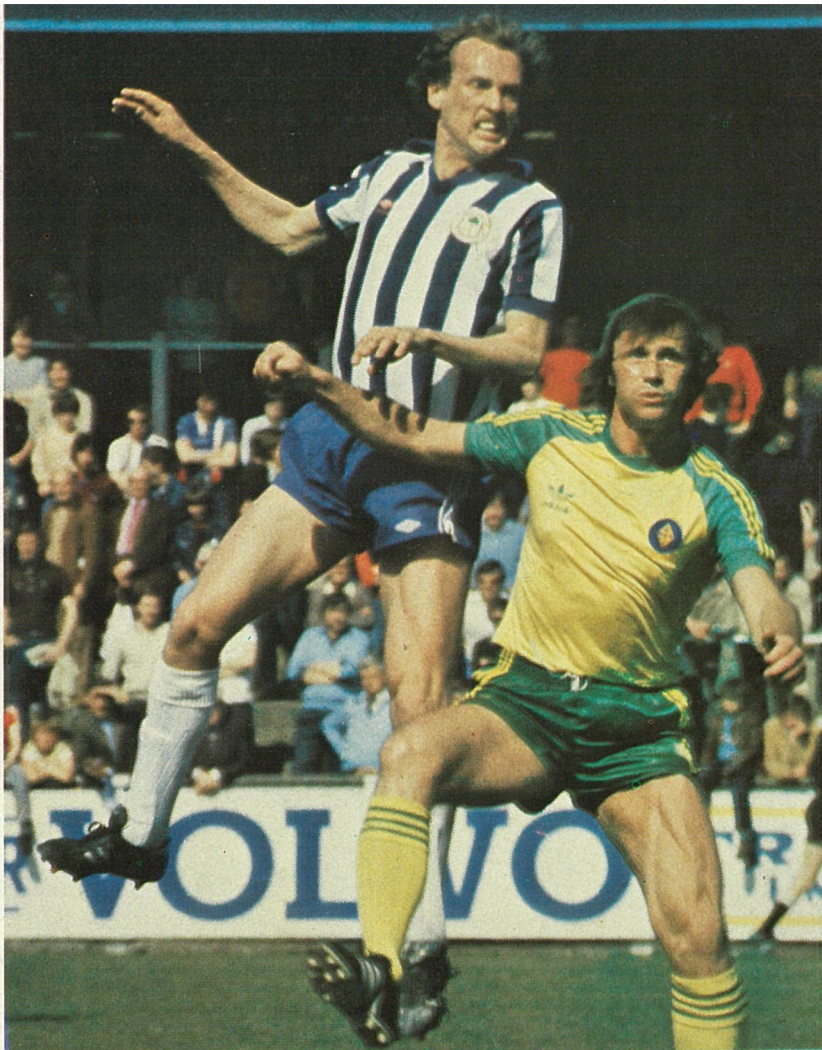


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It is essential that we do well this afternoon, because after our two defeats against Sheffield United and Hartlepool United, we find, with this new three point system, that we are eight points adrift of the top clubs and this can have an unpleasant psychological effect on the players.

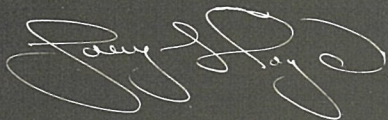
After our win on Monday against Stockport County in the League Cup, we find ourselves in the hat for the Second Round, and although this is good for everyone connected with the club, I would willingly forfeit this for the six points we dropped against Sheffield United and Hartlepool United.

My thanks must go to everyone at the Shareholders' Meeting, who donated a substantial amount of money, enabling me to purchase a freezer for our treatment room, which comes in handy when we need plenty of ice for certain injuries. Many thanks also, to one of our young supporters who presented me with a plaque featuring the Wigan emblem, which takes pride of place in my office.

Many of you will have already heard of the unfortunate accident involving Neil Davids last Saturday, when he broke his leg for the second time in less than twelve months. I'm sure we all wish him well and knowing Neil as I do, his strength and determination will see him to a speedy recovery.

Enjoy the game,

Best Wishes
Larry Lloyd.




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Best Outside the First Division

FOURTH Division strikers Bobby Campbell and Robbie Cooke became the first players from outside the First Division to score hat-tricks this season. Campbell rattled home his three within a 30-minute period during Bradford City's 6-2 triumph over York City, whilst Cooke took a little longer in helping Peterborough United to trounce Rochdale 5-1.

One of Campbell's goals came from the penalty spot and it helped him to take a clear lead at the top of the divisional scoring chart. Leaders after the mid-week Football League Cup games:

	League	Lge.Cup	Total
Campbell (Bradford City)	6	1	7
Madden (Bury)	3	3	6
Bremner (Colchester United)	3	2	5
Cooke (Peterborough United)	4	1	5

Campbell, incidentally, was the only Fourth Division player to have netted in each of his club's games so far. At the other end of the scale Mansfield Town, who picked up their first point in a goalless game at Port Vale, were the only club in this division without a goal to their credit in four attempts.

As we anticipated in an earlier programme Sheffield United seem certain to become the best-supported team in the Fourth Division. At the moment Wigan Athletic are in second place — a considerable way in front of the third club.

Sheffield United drew a crowd of 11,906 for their opening game with Hereford and another 11,293 turned up for last week's clash with Colchester United. That gave the Blades an average of almost 11,600. The Blades were, of course, the visitors for Wigan's first home League game of the season and the attendance of 8,001 places us securely in second place behind them.

Next in line come Blackpool whose opening two home League matches averaged out at 4,531.

The leading positions in the table last weekend gave us

an "I do like to be beside the sea" feeling. A.F.C. Bournemouth and Torquay United — two clubs with grave financial problems — led the table with maximum points whilst Blackpool, suffering their first-ever spell at this level, were tucked into third place two points behind their seaside rivals.

A.F.C. Bournemouth may still have to prove themselves for their opposition has been scarcely the most awesome. They opened with a 2-0 victory over a make-shift Crewe Alexandra team that was slammed 5-0 by Blackpool last Saturday. They then won 1-0 against the only team without a goal (Mansfield Town) but their 2-0 home win over Darlington last weekend was a little more meritorious.

The real dark horse could turn out to be Bradford City. With Bobby Campbell in such scintillating form, the City had scored 19 goals in seven games by last weekend! That included Group Cup games.

But it was their performance against York City that really brought home their potential. York City went to Valley Parade with a 100 per cent League record yet were beaten out of sight 2-6.

Torquay United, another of the surprise packets, are also under new management though, in their case, Frank O'Farrell had previously enjoyed two earlier periods in command. But the Gulls' 100 per cent start does not seem to have encouraged the local public to rally around. Their home game with Scunthorpe United attracted only 2,053 — Plainmoor's lowest for four home games so far.

Port Vale, who come to Springfield Park next week, have been having problems in attack. Their first four matches produced only two goals and one of those came from a penalty.

Bury's Craig Madden scored two more goals in their 2-0 win over Stockport County and, with five to his credit, has already scored half as many as he did all last season.

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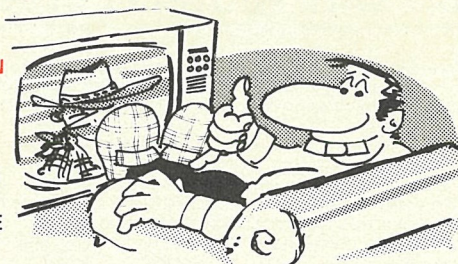
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COMING SHORTLY

PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

PORT VALE are one of the few Football League clubs who, geographically speaking cannot be found on the map.

The North Staffordshire club is based in the mother town of the Potteries, Burslem, and was, for a spell, known as Burslem Port Vale. The Burslem tag, however, was dropped in the early 1900's, leaving many of today's fans still curious as to the origins of the Vale team.

The name 'Port Vale' is believed to have been taken from a house near to where the inaugural meeting of the club took place. That was in 1876 and after moving home three times and attracting attention with some magnificent performances in the F.A. Cup, Vale became one of the 12 founder members of the Football League's Second Division in 1892.

Unfortunately, Vale's stay was neither distinguished nor lengthy. In 1896 they were forced to resign but after two seasons in the Midland League, Vale gained re-admission to the Second Division in 1898.

Again their stay was fraught with difficulties and in 1907 they decided not to seek re-election. In 1911 they became founder members of the Central League and then, following a move to another new ground in Hanley, came an unexpected chance to return to the League for the third time.

In 1919 the League expelled Leeds City for alleged illegal payments and Vale were invited to take their place. They did so and have remained in the competition ever since, apart from a brief spell in the summer of 1968 when Vale themselves were expelled for, ironically, the same reason.

Although their early days as a League club were spent in Division Two, Vale have spent much of their time in the lower divisions. In fact, in the post-War era they have only once had a brief flirtation with Division Two.

Vale first experienced relegation in 1929 when they dropped into Division Three (North), but they bounced back immediately, gaining promotion the following season as champions.

Six years later, though, Vale dropped again and it was not until 1954 that they returned following the season in which Vale also reached the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup — one of the few clubs to do so when in the Third Division.

Vale only spent three seasons in the Second Division and it is 21 years now since they last played at that level. In fact, life has been rather a struggle and Vale have walked something of a tightrope at times.

Living in the shadow of Stoke City has not helped, but by dint of hard work and economic living, plus the enforced sale of players, the club are probably in a better position today than many clubs in the lower reaches of the League.

There have been the occasional bright spots too. After suffering relegation from Division II in 1957, Vale found themselves founder members of Division Four only a year later but became the first champions of the new section.

They have also been involved in some notable F.A. Cup trails, which has gained the club something of a reputation as cup fighters. This was enhanced in 1976/77, when Vale reached the fifth round before losing to Aston Villa at Villa Park in front of a crowd of nearly 50,000.

Last season the club had the unenviable distinction of employing four different managers by the New Year. The last of these, and the club's current manager is ex Bury, Newcastle, Southampton and England centre half, John McGrath, who managed to guide the club out of the bottom four and, thereby, avoid having to seek re-election for the first time in its history.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.

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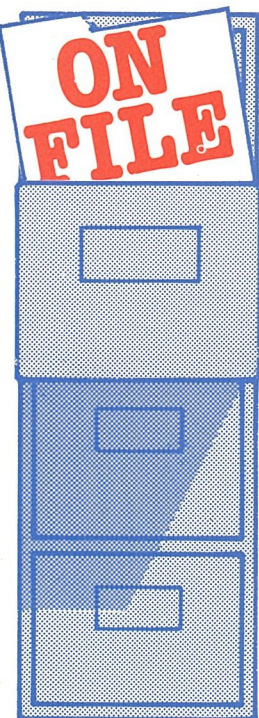
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You may have read in the press about a report on the crowd trouble during the Sheffield United game which was made by the referee to the Football Association. The report, concerning the throwing of missiles, was sent to the F.A. who then forwarded a copy to me, asking for my comments within seven days. I have, of course, replied.

It may be of some interest to detail some of the features about the referees for our League matches. The referee and linesmen usually arrive an hour and a half before the game. After dumping their gear in their changing room, which is opposite the home team's dressing room, they wander down the tunnel and onto the pitch, inspecting the turf, nets, lines etc., chatting amongst themselves and discussing how they intend to run the game. Then they retire to the room to get changed, once again chatting away about football in general and the approaching game in particular.

Whilst they always have a word with the Secretary when they arrive, for the most part they keep themselves very much to themselves obviously aware of the need to be seen as separate and impartial.

Half an hour before kick-off, both Managers report to the referee with their team sheets, substitutes clearly marked. Quarter of an hour to go and a linesman enters the dressing room to inspect the

players' studs. Five minutes to go and the referee presses a bell-push in his own room which rings in each dressing room, and out they all run.

The fees payable to the Match Officials are paid directly to them by the League, not by the home team. Their travelling and meal expenses are paid immediately after the game by the home club, but this is reclaimed from the League, thus neither club has any financial part in their payment (despite what certain crowds may claim!)

As for their hospitality, they get a cup of tea, win or lose, and clear off home immediately after the game — no post-match drinks and chatter for them. What's more, there are people sited in the stand assessing them and reporting on their performance. So next time the cry goes up "You must be 'blind, referee'", be sure that an inconspicuous gentleman in the stand will quietly note in his book, "Referee suffers from visual defect, possibly myopic".

But all in all, regardless of whether their performance on the park is worth 10 out of 10 or not, their performance off it certainly makes me feel that, like in so many ways, the British way of doing things is just about right, with the possible exception of international football. Still, the referee at the World Cup Final will probably be English!



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THE LOCAL VIEW



by Harold Ashurst

ONE THING, thankfully that clubs like Wigan Athletic don't have to face is a shortage of players for their games, but in the amateur leagues around the town that sometimes happens and teams have been known to turn out with as few as seven players.

Wigan Amateur League side Holgate Rangers had this problem in a recent game when they had trouble raising a side. However they did manage to turn a team out against Bethel Reserves but suffered greatly — getting thrashed 2 - 11.

In the League's Youth Section Coachwood also had a similar problem but the referee wouldn't allow them to postpone their match against the crack Chorley outfit — and Chorley won 11-0.

In the Post and Chronicle Sunday League a record number of teams have entered the Lancashire Sunday Trophy.

The 14 sides have been handed a huge slice of luck with the draw for the first round to be played next week. Six of Wigan's representatives have byes and four are drawn at home, so, with a bit of luck, the League could well be represented in the later rounds. Watch this space for further details.

Thieves struck in a football changing room while the teams were playing last Sunday. Walmsley's works team were playing on the pitch at the side of their factory off Frog Lane

when thieves sneaked into the nearby changing rooms and stole £20 cash from the players' pockets.

Wigan Amateur League is facing a referees crisis. There is a distinct shortage of men in black so if anyone is interested they should ring Alan Cale of the Wigan Referees' Society on Wigan 211319.

Incidentally, the Wigan Amateur League are becoming concerned about players' behaviour and this week issued a warning to a club that they would be expelled from the League if their players' behaviour did not improve. Referees have a hard enough job as it is without coping with an hour and a half's abuse from young players.

The alteration work on Fosters' Playing Fields at Ince has now been completed and all reports say the Metro have done an excellent job.

Speaking of excellent jobs by the way. I have spoken to one or two teams who have played on the Latics Leisure Centre since it was opened and they have all been very impressed.

Finally, two players from Hindley, members of the Wigan Under 16's Sunday League, played for Wigan Athletic last weekend. Barnes and Clarke (two names that ring a bell) played for the junior team.

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"Graham Barrow just fails to reach the ball before Sheffield United goalkeeper Keith Waugh".

Larry Lloyd gets in his back header in spite of the close attentions of Hartlepool defenders.

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Help the Handicapped

Margaret Wilkinson of 201, Gidlow Lane, Wigan, Telephone No. 36930, has appealed for members of the public to donate educational toys (Lego and the like) for use by Community Nurses for the Mentally Handicapped, operating in homes and playgroups. All toys to be handed in at the Supporters' Club, Springfield Park, Wigan.

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From time to time, we are asked by individual supporters whether there is any small way in which they can help the club. Our reply usually suggests the selling of lottery tickets, the supporting of various activities organised at the Supporters' Club, in addition to regular attendance at home and away games to encourage the players. I would like to use the space at my disposal today to appeal for help with particular aspects of advertising and sponsorship opportunities that are available — ball donations, individual match sponsorships and ground advertising.

It is obvious from my contacts with local business people that, in the current difficult economic situation, firms are finding it hard to justify involvement with the local football club, when they are engaged in regular discussions with their own accountants, financial advisors, and bank managers as to the profitability of their own operations. Furthermore, one cannot realistically expect firms who are putting their employees on short-time, or making sections of their labour force redundant, to support the local football club to any great extent through advertising and

sponsorship. Time and again, this has been the embarrassing response to my inquiries for support.

We, at Wigan Athletic, are very fortunate to have enjoyed considerable support from local business people, when other clubs at Fourth Division level have found it hard to enlist support. Now, however, we are beginning to experience the tightening of the purse strings, and offers to donate match balls, sponsor matches and take up ground advertising, are hard to come by. May I, therefore, appeal to our supporters to help make contact with individuals and business concerns who might be prepared to undertake one or more of these activities. I am quite prepared to do the necessary leg work, telephone contact, or whatever, to outline details of the opportunities offered. We also have a limited number of advertising and sponsorship leaflets that can be made available to the individual supporter who might wish to contact his or her employer personally. For the moment, any help that could be given in the recruitment of advertisers and sponsors would be much appreciated.

Again, this issue, you will find reference to today's match sponsor, Foxfield Garage (Shevington) and ball donor Frank Phillips, The Builder, in the Statistics section (pages 28/29) of the match programme. Please give your support to these generous business people, who continue to show an active and effective interest in the welfare of the Wigan Athletic Football Club.

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by Dave Brooks

The inevitable day of this Season that I have dreaded has occurred and what upset me more than ever was that it was, as is often the case, against a non-league side. Yes, after three great wins, two away from home we eventually surrendered the record with hardly raising a kick in anger, losing to Altrincham at home last Saturday. We also conceded our first goal of the Season which in the end proved the difference between the two teams. Due to injuries and the promotion of Kevin Langley to the first team squad and also, deservedly, the return of Jeff Wright, I was given the opportunity of including some of our youth team players in the reserves. It could not have been a more harrowing day for them and I know that they were all as shocked as I was to

learn that our Captain, Neil Davids, who was taken to hospital after a painful kick on the leg early in the game, was found to have broken the same leg he broke last year.

This is a personal tragedy for Neil and for the Club as he was making great progress and was virtually back to full fitness after the last year's setback. I know all his supporters will wish to join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

By the time this article is in print we will hope to have got back to winning ways against Port Vale in the Umbro Floodlit League, and hopefully the first team will also by then have secured our inclusion in the next round of the League Cup by disposing of Stockport County.

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Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Supporters' Club Cricket Team on their Semi-Final success in the Spring View Knock-out Cup. From what seemed an impossible position, (their opponents, Victoria Platt Bridge, 76 for 1 chasing Latrics total of 101), they pulled off a great victory winning by two runs. The team play Wigan Rugby Union Club in the Final, which is to be played tomorrow, Sunday, 20th September at 1.30 p.m. at Spring View Cricket Club. Everyone is welcome, so come and support us.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Starting on Thursday, 1st October, at 8 p.m., Kansas City Promotions Present Country and Western in The Supporters' Club, featuring Wigan's own Country Band, "The MOONSHINERS", who were finalists in the 1981 Wembley Festival. They are supported by KATY 'G' and her Country Disco, plus a WESTERN DRESS COMPETITION and supporting programme. The promoters would like as many as possible in western dress or country gear. Shows will be held fortnightly and only the best bands in the business will be engaged. Tickets are priced at 80 pence, or pay at the door on the night.

NOEL WARD BENEFIT

Due to a late withdrawal by Kettle, last Wednesday's concert was postponed. A replacement concert will be held on Thursday, 24th September. At the time of writing, the Artist is not known, but will be of the usual top quality. Watch local press for details. On Thursday, 29th October at 8 p.m., a Film Show will be held in the club, which will include the Daily Mirror Soccerscope of Wembley Finals 1923-1973 and the Manchester City v Wigan Athletic 1971 F.A. Cup Tie. Tickets will be 75 pence and will include the Soccerscope programme. On Thursday, 10th December, we will be holding a Couples' Night at The Riverside Club, which will include Dinner, Cabaret and Disco. Tickets are priced at £16.00 per couple.

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Saturday, 19th September. "LAUGHING STOCK" — Musical Comedy Act. Sunday, 20th September. RAY MALCOLM — Comedy Impressionist. Tickets are now available for the concert featuring "THE JOHN MARTIN SOUND" on Sunday, 4th October, at 8 p.m. Price 70 pence.

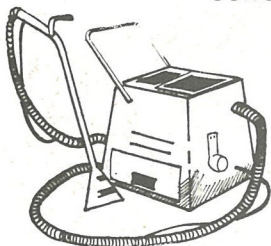
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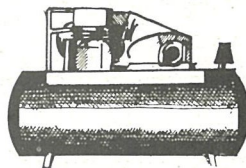
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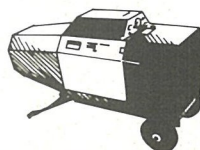


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Although Wigan Athletic have had the better of their exchanges with the Northampton Town Football Club, since joining the Football League, it is worth noting that today's visitors have always made the Latics fight hard for the points at stake. On their day, the Cobblers can be relied upon to put together some excellent open football, and we hope that today's encounter will provide a

good measure of entertainment and excitement for those present at Springfield Park.

Like Wigan Athletic, Northampton Town have made a hesitant start to the new season, and both teams will be anxious to register their first League success of the current campaign. Certainly, it can be anticipated that the players on both sides will be going full

out to reduce the already leading themselves. W directors, mana and supporters Town Football C enjoy your visit t and we look f fixture to be p Ground early in

Season 1978-1979

28th Oct. 1978 Wigan Ath. 2 North'pton T 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 6,264
Scorers Wigan Ath. Purdie (2)
North'pton T. —
10th Mar. 1979 North'pton T 2 Wigan Ath. 4
H.T. Score 1-3 Att. 2,275
Scorers
North'pton T. Froggatt, Bryan
Wigan Ath. Brownbill (2), Purdie,
Corrigan.

Season 1979-80

1st Dec. 1979 Wigan Ath. 0 North'pton T. 0
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 6,158
19th Apr. 1980 North'pton T. 1 Wigan Ath. 1
H.T. Score 0-0 Att. 2,378
Scorers: North'pton T. Sargent
Wigan Ath. Shearer

Season 1980-81

12th Nov. 1980 Wigan A
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PTON TOWN



Northampton Town Football Club — 1981-82

Back Row: (left to right) Paul Saunders, Peter Denyer, Andy Poole, Andy Taylor, Mark Heeley. **Middle Row:** Clive Walker (Trainer/Coach), Paul Brady, Gary Wall, Peter Cooke, Wakeley Gage, Kevin Farmer, John Alexander, David Carlton. **Front Row:** Derek Spence (kneeling) Desmond Waldock, Adam Sandy, Steve Phillips (Captain), Gary Saxby, Gary Leonard, Gary Tarbuck (kneeling).

PERSONALITIES

ANDY POOLE (Goalkeeper) Height 6'. Weight 12st.2lbs. Born in Chesterfield. Joined Northampton in 1978 after serving his apprenticeship with Mansfield Town and has made over 100 League appearances. Last season he was one of only two players ever-present with 50 Cup and League matches.

PAUL SAUNDERS (Defender) Height 5'9". Weight 11st. Born in Watford. Joined Northampton from Watford three years ago and a long run in the first team last season brought his appearances to more than 60.

DES WALDOCK (Defender) Height 5'11". Weight 11st.1lb. Born in Northampton. He made his debut two years ago and made more than 30 first team appearances last season.

WAKELEY GAGE (Defender) Height 6'4". Weight 13st.7lbs. Born in Northampton. Plays in the centre of Defence and is one of the tallest players in the League. He cost the Club £5,000 from United Counties League side — Desborough Town and established himself last season with 34 League and Cup matches.

KEVIN FARMER (Defender) Height 6'. Weight 12st. Born in Ramsgate, Kent. He was originally signed from Leicester City in July 1979 for £15,000, as a Defender. He later switched to the centre forward position. Midway through last season he switched back to centre half with considerable success, and made 44 first team appearances during the season.

PETER COOKE (Defender) Height 6'1". Weight 12st. 7lbs. Born in Northampton. Peter has also been used in attack and played 5 League games and scored his first goal at Stockport.

ANDY TAYLOR (Defender) Height 5'8". Weight 10st. 8lbs. Born in Stratford-on-Avon. Was previously with Aston Villa and was

STEVE PHILLIPS (Forward) Height 5'6". Weight 10st.10lbs. Born in Edmonton. Rejoined Northampton before the 1980-81 season for a club record of £50,000, and was top scorer last season with 23 League and Cup goals. After starting his career at Birmingham, Steve joined Northampton before being transferred to Brentford, where he scored 69 goals in 167 League games. He has played for manager Bill Dodgin at Brentford, and with Northampton twice.

MARK HEELEY (Forward) Height 5'6". Weight 10st. 6lbs. Born in Peterborough. Was bought from Arsenal in March 1980 for £25,000. After starting his career with Peterborough United, he moved to Highbury where he played 23 first team games. Last season he made 42 first team appearances for Northampton.

KEITH BOWEN (Forward) Height 6'1". Weight 11st. 2lbs. Born in Northampton. A Non-Contract player who is a "part qualified" Accountant and plays for the Club when his job permits. Although his work has restricted his appearances to 56 League games, he was top scorer in 1979-80 with 12 goals and last season scored 13 times.

JOHN ALEXANDER (Forward) Height 6'. Weight 11st. Born in Liverpool. Was signed by Northampton from Reading in July 1981. John has had previous experience with Millwall, prior to being signed by Reading, acquired from Aston Villa, where he was a Central League player.

PAUL BRADY (Defender) Height 5'11". Weight 10st. 8lbs. Born in Birmingham. Had been an apprentice with Birmingham City and was a regular Central League player. He was acquired on a free transfer in July 1980. 1980.

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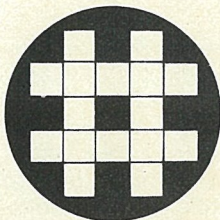


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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 3

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go

Million-pounds-plus man; Curran, could be; --- Duncan, old Blackburn boss; The League's 92

CLUB CLUE No. 3

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side:

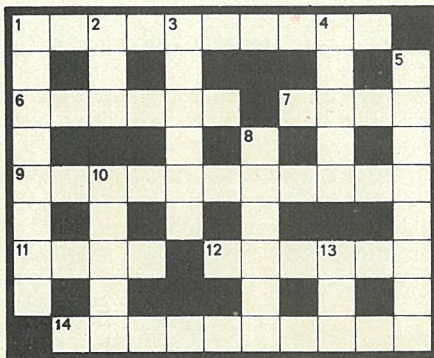
Get the woman's meat in a lousy condition.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 3

Re-order the letters in each of the words **VANES** and **LACKER** to find the names of two managers.

QUICK QUIZ No. 3

1. Arsenal's record win (12-0) and record defeat (0-8) were both against ...?
2. Which was the first club to score 100 League goals in a season?
3. Who was "The Black Panther"?
4. Who was the last England double international at both soccer and rugby union?
5. Which League club once had Giorgio Chinaglia (later to play for Lazio, Italy and Cosmos) on their books?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 3 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. As many a loser of an over-eager tackle has been! (7,3)
6. Unique, Scottish-sounding part of the name of a south-coast club (6)
7. --- Neal, QPR and Tulsa Forward (4)
9. Crucial free-kicker in the 1981 FA Cup Final (5,6)
11. The three clubs promoted from Division Two last season each drew this many League matches away from home (4)
12. He successfully shot past Stepney in the 1976 FA Cup Final (6)
14. Jesse ---, old WBA and England full-back (10)

DOWN

1. By Law XII, there are limitations on doing this to the goalkeeper (8)
2. --- Matthews, old Coventry, Chelsea, Derby, and England keeper (3)
3. "Keep it on the ---!" (6)
4. Winger who made over 300 appearances for Halifax, Barrow, Southport, Blackburn and Sheffield United before moving to New York Cosmos and Memphis Rogues (5)
5. Last season he manager ... (8)
8. ... this club for whom Finney's 483 League appearances is no longer a club record (6)
10. Walley's first name (5)
13. --- Napier totted up a ton of goals for Preston, Workington, Newcastle, Brighton and Blackburn (3)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 30

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1981/82 SERIES

OUT & ABOUT



with Chris Gill

Those of you who follow Latics out and about will have noticed the new multi-coloured strip worn by the first team. While the red shirt, blue shorts combination is something you tend to get used to . . . it's really all a big mistake. On the opening day at Bradford, Latics were caught short, when their shorts really were short shorts — if you see what I mean! (pause for thought). Anyway, it turned out that the shorts were in fact far too small, and trainer Ken Banks had to hot foot it back to the team coach to search out the lower half of the regular blue strip. No doubt angry Latics officials gave the suppliers short shrift . . .

The cool as a cucumber award for this week goes to the police officer, of rank, whose Monday evening stroll in the rain along the Edgeley Park touchline was cruelly disturbed by a rasping drive from Jeff Wright . . . which knocked his hat off good and proper. But, in true British tradition, for which he ought to have received cheers and not jeers, the officer kept a stiff upper lip, replaced his headgear and walked on as if nothing had happened.

Anyway, wasn't it fun on Saturday night to see Bob Wilson (one newspaper last

weekend called him the talking head) and Jimmy the Chin carrying on regardless on Match of the Day in the face of adversity. Wilson, as he ploughed through the day's news, came back into camera view appearing to be attempting to swat a fly, while Hill more than met his own personal match by having to speak above the noise of a blaring fire alarm. True to form, neither of our intrepid heroes abandoned ship . . . which in a way is bad news, for now we will have to think of another way of getting rid of them. Drat!

On a much more serious note, the team's return journey from Hartlepool last weekend was made even more miserable after learning of the tragedy which had once again befallen Neil Davids. It is bad enough for a professional to break a leg once, but, in Neill's case, he was only just recovering from the last bitter blow, and now seems destined for a lengthy spell on the touchlines. So, for those of you who went to Hartlepool and didn't exactly enjoy yourselves, I can tell you there weren't very many smiling faces to be seen on the team coach either.

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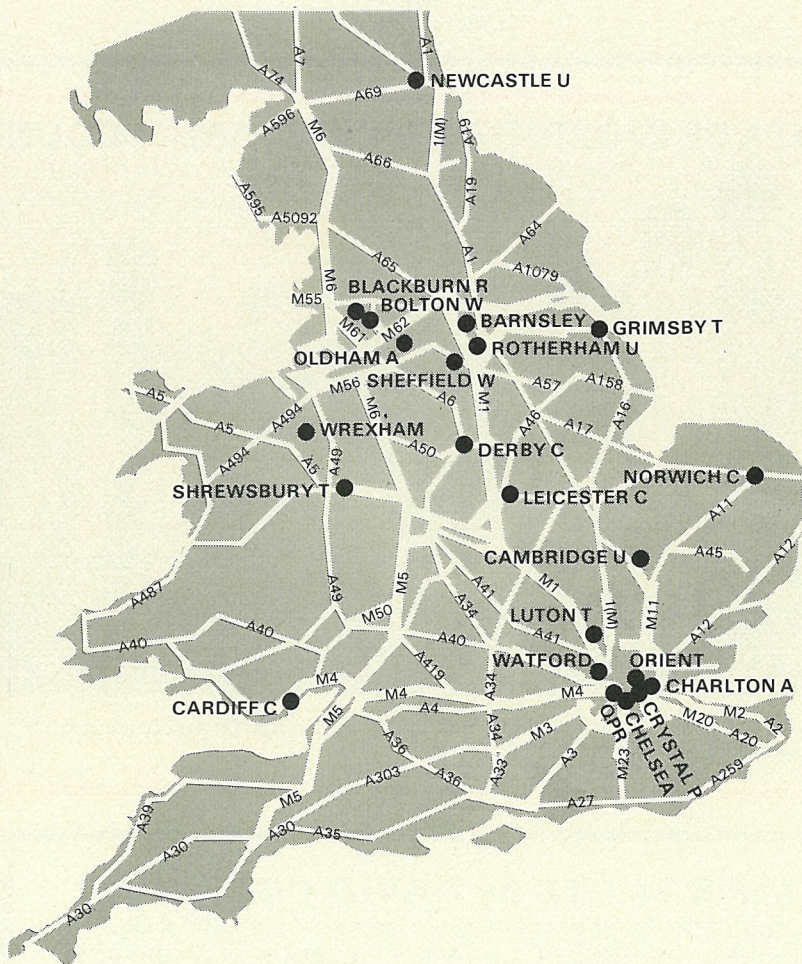
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GET TOGETHER

Almost 300 children and parents packed into the Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club on Monday 7th September for what must be one of the most memorable evenings it has ever seen.



The first meeting of the 'Junior Latics' always promised to be a very special occasion, and so it proved to be. The guest list was like a Who's Who of Wigan Athletic Football Club with 'Junior Latics' President Bobby Charlton C.B.E., Football Club Chairman Mr. Freddie Pye, Manager Larry Lloyd, Assistant Manager Fred Eyre, Team Captain Colin Methven, members of the Board of Directors and members of the playing staff, all on hand to sign autographs.

Members heard Bobby Charlton C.B.E. say how proud he was to have been asked to become President of the 'Junior Latics' and he also said he would invite celebrities to join us at future meetings.

Mr. Freddie Pye said that the 'Junior Latics' was a very important part of the future of Wigan Athletic and stressed that it had the full backing of everyone at the Club.

Larry Lloyd gave us a very entertaining 15 minutes inviting questions from the audience. "Why are you always in the team?" asked one member. "Because it is my team and I pick it," came Larry's reply.

During the interval we had birthday dedications from "John" on the disco and the Souvenir Shop did a roaring trade.

We had a pleasant surprise awaiting Larry Lloyd. Just before he began speaking he was presented with a fantastic Pin Picture of the Wigan Athletic Badge by 'Junior Latics' member Paul Moss of Worsley Mesnes.

Paul has promised to make a picture of the 'Junior Latics' badge which we look forward to receiving.

All in all a very enjoyable evening for everyone concerned.



DAVID ROBERTS

Match Day Mascot

Today's Mascot is David Roberts who is 9 years old. David attends St. Cuthbert's School and his hobbies are soccer and drumming.

His ambition is to be either a professional footballer or a drummer like his dad.

**DON'T FORGET THE NEXT MEETING
TAKES PLACE ON OCTOBER 12th AT
6.45 p.m. DO NOT MISS IT.**

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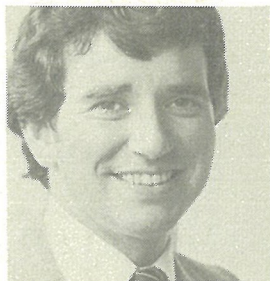


"Kevin Sheldon puts in plenty of effort, without any reward, at Hartlepool".

"Peter Houghton rifles home his goal, leaving the Hartlepool United 'keeper helpless".

Photographs by courtesy of David Cookson.





Heard the one about a world class goalkeeper playing for Crewe Reserves?

I certainly thought it was a joke when Crewe's former manager, Tony Waddington made that claim 18 months ago.

The man he was referring to, and predicting a great future for, was Bruce Grobbelaar, whose wonderful agility is destined to become a spectacular feature of Liverpool's season.

Back in 1979, Bruce, who comes from Zimbabwe, couldn't obtain a work permit in this country. Consequently he was forced to play as an amateur for Crewe reserves.

From there he went to play for Vancouver Whitecaps in the N.A.S.L. and onto Liverpool where he succeeded Ray Clemence at the beginning of the season. "He's

more of a Shilton than a Clemence", says Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager. "He's a tremendous athlete, slightly unconventional in style, but a great prospect nonetheless. I underline the word prospect because he's not in Clemence's class yet. That only comes with experience".

Grobbelaar's outgoing personality has made him a great favourite with all his new colleagues. And it's added a new edge to shooting practice down at Liverpool's training ground, Melwood. "He's so keen," says Paisley, "They all want to put the ball past him in training. The atmosphere is just like a match itself. And I'm not complaining", he added with an understandable grin. But, according to Paisley, his enthusiasm does have its drawbacks. "Every now and again Bruce does something right out of the ordinary, like a somersault. And that's not a good thing for someone who plays in his position. It breaks the concentration which is so important for goalkeepers".

Another player destined to make quite a name for himself this season is Burnley's young defender, Michael Phelan. Preston's assistant manager, Ken Shellitto, was quick to point out the lad's potential recently. Granada's sports team were told two years ago when Phelan signed professional forms and we've been monitoring his progress ever since. You'll see the results shortly in a fascinating film about two rising stars. The other is Oldham's Darron McDonagh.

ELTON WELSBY

OF GRANADA T.V.'s 'KICK-OFF'

Pointing out Burnley's long tradition of producing home-grown players is one of the ways chief scout Gordon Clayton persuades talented youngsters to join the Turf Moor Club. And according to Clayton, there's no shortage of prospects at the moment. Asked to name one he came up with the name of Trevor Steven. One for the future at Burnley who might come into the reckoning for first team consideration this season.

What a world of difference exists at present between the top and bottom of the Football League. Among the elite money is changing hands irresponsibly and if persistent rumour is to be believed, at times illegally. I won't name names because reliable information is one thing, documented proof another. But make no mistake, football has its mercenaries and one day, hopefully soon, their corruptive practices will be exposed.

At the other end of the financial scale are clubs like Tranmere Rovers. They are in a desperate state. Commendably, though, all concerned are pulling together and fighting to survive. Every penny has to be accounted for; corners are cut wherever possible and discussions about future policies have already included a suggestion that part-time football could be the answer. Watching games at Prenton Park these days is a strange experience. Three sides of the ground have been closed down. Consequently, all the supporters (about 1,500 on average) are situated in and below the main stand.

Such measures would not have been necessary had the club been allowed to sell its car park for the development of a supermarket. When those plans were rejected by the local council near the end of last season, liquidation seemed impossible to avoid.

People on Merseyside, though, don't give up that easily. Mind you, it helps if the bank manager is sympathetic.

North Wales referee, Gwyn Owen, spent an interesting summer in the United States. Gwyn refereed 18 North American League games in six weeks, during which time he came across some familiar names.

One who really impressed him was George Best. "He seems to have lost none of his appetite for the game" said Gwyn, confirming that the super-skill goal from Best which we showed on Kick Off at the start of the season was no exception. Gwyn saw that goal on television, a magnificent solo tease of the Ford Lauderdale Strikers defence ending with Best netting for San Jose Earthquakes. "It was typical of the lad's skill" praised Gwyn. "But George is still not averse to saying the odd word out of place to referees. He called me a right so-and-so during the game I refed — and got booked".

And we keep saying some things never change!

Home fixtures in capitals.

Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.

† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.

*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

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1981															
AUG. 29	Bradford City	3-3	4,229	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon†	Barrow	Bradd†	Quinn	Evans ²	Houghton
AUG. 31	STOCKPORT CNTY.F.L.Cup 1 1st Leg	3-0	5,079	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Bradd†	Quinn	Evans	Houghton
SEPT. 5	SHEFFIELD UNITED	0-1	8,001	Brown	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley†	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 12	Hartlepool United	1-2	1,715	Brown	McMahon	McAdam†	Cribley	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Barrow	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Wright
Sept. 14	Stockport County F.L. Cup 1 2nd Leg	2-1	2,913	Ward	McMahon	Glenn	Wright	Lloyd	Methven	Sheldon	Langley†	Houghton	Quinn	Evans	Cribley
Sept. 19	NORTHAMPTON TOWN														
Sept. 23	PORT VALE														
Sept. 26	Tranmere Rovers														
Sept. 29	A.F.C. Bournemouth														

OCT. 3	TORQUAY UNITED															
Oct. 6	Aldershot F.L. Cup 2 1st Leg															
Oct. 10	STOCKPORT COUNTY															
Oct. 17	Hull City															
Oct. 20	Bury															
Oct. 24	SCUNTHORPE UNITED															
OCT. 27	ALDERSHOT F.L. CUP 2 2nd Leg															
Oct. 30	Colchester United.															

NOV. 4	DARLINGTON															
Nov. 7	HEREFORD UNITED															
Nov. 14	York City															
Nov. 21	F.A. Cup 1.															
Nov. 28	Rochdale															
DEC. 5	HALIFAX TOWN															
Dec. 12	F.A. Cup 2.															
Dec. 19	ALDERSHOT															
Dec. 26	Crewe Alexandra															
Dec. 28	BLACKPOOL															

FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP FIRST ROUND (AGGREGATE SCORES)

N.B. First-named clubs (in block capitals) go through to Second Round.
*Doncaster Rovers go through on "away goal" rule.

ALDERSHOT	3	Wimbledon	1	MILLWALL	4	Orient	3
BARNSELEY	9	Peterborough United	2	NEWPORT COUNTY	3	Torquay United	2
BRADFORD CITY	3	Blackpool	1	NORTHAMPTON T	3	Hartlepool United	2
BRISTOL CITY	2	Walsall	1	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	5	Bolton Wanderers	4
BRISTOL ROVERS	2	Crewe Alexandra	1	OXFORD UNITED	3	Brentford	0
CARLISLE UNITED	5	Bury	4	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	2	Chester	1
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	5	Reading	3	PORTSMOUTH	4	Southend United	1
COLCHESTER UNITED	3	Gillingham	1	PORT VALE	3	Hereford United	1
*DONCASTER ROVERS	1	Chesterfield	3	PRESTON NORTH END	2	Halifax Town	1
EXETER CITY	4	Cardiff City	3	ROTHERHAM UNITED	5	Darlington	2
FULHAM	3	A.F.C. Bournemouth	0	SHEFFIELD UNITED	2	York City	1
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	7	Rochdale	3	TRANMERE ROVERS	7	Burnley	5
LINCOLN CITY	4	Hull City	1	WIGAN ATHLETIC	5	Stockport County	1
MANSFIELD TOWN	2	Scunthorpe United	0	WREXHAM	5	Swindon Town	2

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JAN. 2 Mansfield Town
 JAN. 9 Sheffield United
 JAN. 16 PETERBOROUGH UNITED
 JAN. 23 BRADFORD CITY
 JAN. 30 Northampton Town

FEB. 6 HARTLEPOOL UNITED
 FEB. 8 Port Vale
 FEB. 13 Torquay United
 FEB. 20 TRANMERE ROVERS
 FEB. 26 Stockport County

MAR. 6 HULL CITY
 MAR. 10 BURY
 MAR. 12 Scunthorpe United
 MAR. 16 Darlington
 MAR. 20 COLCHESTER UNITED
 MAR. 27 Hereford United

APR. 2 YORK CITY
 APR. 9 Blackpool
 APR. 10 CREWE ALEXANDRA
 APR. 17 Halifax Town
 APR. 24 ROCHEDALE

MAY 1 Peterborough United
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 MAY 8 MANSFIELD TOWN
 MAY 15 Aldershot

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FOURTH DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE AS AT 18.9.81.

	Home	Away	Pts.
AFC Bournemouth	W 2	L 0	3
Torquay United	2	1	3
Blackpool	2	1	3
Peterborough U.	2	1	3
Sheffield United	2	1	3
Colchester U.	2	1	3
Bury	2	1	3
York City	2	1	3
Hereford United	2	1	3
Bradford City	2	1	3
Aldershot	2	1	3
Hull City	2	1	3
Port Vale	2	1	3
Hartlepool U.	2	1	3
Stockport C.	2	1	3
Rochdale	2	1	3
Northampton T.	2	1	3
Scunthorpe U.	2	1	3
Halifax Town	2	1	3
Darlington	2	1	3
Wigan Athletic	2	1	3
Mansfield Town	2	1	3
Tranmere Rovers	2	1	3
Crewe Alexandra	2	1	3

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Comment FROM THE CHAIR

Chairman Freddie Pye and Director Bobby Charlton have been away in America this week, and although expected back in time for today's game, I have been asked to stand in for these notes.

On behalf of everyone at Springfield Park, I extend a warm welcome to the chairman, directors, manager, players and supporters of Northampton Town and hope we can all enjoy an interesting game.

I too have been out of the country and therefore was not able to attend the two away games at Hartlepool and Stockport. Last Saturday I listened patiently to the "World Radio Sports Programme" only to be very disappointed when at last the adverse result came through. However speaking to my home after the Stockport game on Monday last, I was equally delighted to learn that we had not only won the second leg, but had played very well. Congratulations Larry and the lads.

I was very distressed to learn via 'The

Medium Wave Band" of the accident to popular Neil Davids, and on behalf of everyone connected with the Club I wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

My youngest son Geoffrey, aged 10, recently received his first letter ever. Guess what? It was from the Secretary of "Junior Laties" enclosing his membership card, club badge and details of forthcoming events. He was so thrilled as I am sure many more, who have not yet joined, would be, to receive this personalised letter and to feel part of the club. Congratulations to the "Junior Laties" committee for not only getting it off the ground but for having it "flying high".

Whilst writing these notes I have been informed of the draw for the Second Round of the Football League Cup, which is Aldershot v Wigan Athletic. Maybe we will reach the Third Round for the first time, here's hoping.

Enjoy the game.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Horrocks
President & Director



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TEAM CHECK

"HERE NEXT"
Wednesday, 23rd September, 1981.
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v PORT VALE
Football League Division Four



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripes)

- 1 Bob Ward
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Jeff Wright
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Kevin Langley
- 9 Peter Houghton
- 10 Mike Quinn
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 Alex Cribley

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. M. LOWE
(Sheffield)

Commenced refereeing in Sheffield local leagues in 1958, then through the Central League to the Football League full list in 1972. Was linesman at the 1971 F.A. Amateur Cup Final, a European Cup match in Sweden in 1972 and an Under-21 International in 1979.

A married man, with three children, he is a newsagent and during the summer he spends time running to keep fit. Enjoys training and mixing with professional players and feels this liaison has mutual advantages. He carries out work for his local Referees' Association, and is Chairman of Yorkshire Section of the A.F.L.R.&L.

Linesmen:

Red Flag
MR. J. CAULKIN
(Stoke-on-Trent)

Yellow Flag
MR. J.W. LLOYD
(Wrexham)

FOR YOUR RECORDS

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F.T. SCORE:

ATTENDANCE:

SCORERS

LATICS:

VISITORS:



**NORTHAMPTON
TOWN**
(All Yellow)

- 1 Andy Poole
- 2 Paul Brady
- 3 Wakeley Gage
- 4 Kevin Farmer
- 5 David Carlton
- 6 Peter Coffill
- 7 Peter Denyer
- 8 Adam Sandy
- 9 Steve Phillips
- 10 Keith Bowen
- 11 John Alexander
- 12 Gary Saxby